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Attorney General John Ashcroft
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take this opportunity to give you my thoughts on the Microsoft Case. I am pleased to see that an acceptable settlement has finally been reached in this case. I also feel that it is truly in the best interest of our country and our economy that the settlement be accepted as soon as possible. The settlement is fair and will restore fair competition to the computer industry.

As a software development company, we deal with Microsoft products on a regular basis. I am particularly happy to see that the settlement will allow users to remove any default Microsoft programs from Windows without having to then reinstall the entire operating system. Additionally, OEM's will now be permitted to pre-install non-Microsoft programs within Windows without fear of retaliation from Microsoft. Nor will Microsoft enter into any contracts that would force third parties to solely distribute Windows. Also, Microsoft will be sharing a great deal of their design information with their competitors, namely allowing different server systems to interoperate with Microsoft's systems.

The proposed settlement adequately addresses the issues Microsoft has been accused of, so I ask that you please accept this settlement.

Sincerely,

Chris Brown
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